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Applicants: **Kazuhiko Hara, et al.**

Group Art Unit: **Not Yet Known**

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For: **INK CARTRIDGE FOR INK JET RECORDER AND METHOD OF  
MANUFACTURING SAME**

Date: **August 7, 2001**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT and  
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the subject application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 10, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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Container body 1 includes a bottom wall 1a, a front wall 1b and a back wall 1c extending upwardly from bottom wall 1a, and two side walls 1d extending upwardly from bottom wall 1a (Figs. 2, 3) and positioned between front wall 1b and back wall 1c. The distance from front wall 1b to back wall 1c and between side walls 1d gradually increases as walls 1b, 1c, 1d extend from bottom wall 1a to an opening 1e of container body 1 such that the cross sectional area of opening 1e is larger than the cross sectional area of bottom wall 1a.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 17, and continuing to the next page, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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Container body 1 is divided by a plurality of partitions 2, 3 and 4 to form three ink chambers 271, 272 and 273 for storing ink, with each chamber having a corresponding foam